

Natural Resources Conservation Service

**Application Ranking Summary**  
**EQIP General FA 15 Edisto-Pasture**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> EQIP General FA 15 Edisto-Pasture		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>		<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)</b>	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated “impaired water body” (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a “non-impaired water body”?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)</b>	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)</b>	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)</b>	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
<b>Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)</b>	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will this application contain practices that exclude cattle or other livestock from environmentally sensitive areas? (Examples are wetlands, stream side slopes, streams, and riparian stream buffers)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the majority (>50%) of the land offered in this application lie in a watershed designated on SCDHEC's 303d list of impaired watersheds or is in a watershed with an existing 319 project? (Use GIS Layer to Determine)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does this application include livestock related resource concerns and practices where the applicant currently DOES NOT own livestock?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will this application contain at least one (1) practice that treats a field(s) that is eroding in excess of “T” or gullied areas within the field(s)? (Run RUSLE II)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does this application include the conservation practice "Prescribed Grazing" and the applicant agrees to meet NRCS standards and specifications for the implementation of the practice?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will this application have at least one (1) practice that directly benefits threatened and endangered or at-risk wildlife species (plant or animal) as identified by NRCS, South Carolina DNR, and/or the US Fish and Wildlife Service? (Any practice on land where there is an identified and documented Threatened or Endangered, at risk, OR candidate species on SC DNR RTE data layer. T&E listed species should be confirmed by a biologist.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does the application include practices that benefit pollinators? (327, 386, 393, 422) Pollinator Components Only.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the applicant incorporate the use of Legumes, NWSG, or Cover Crops on at least 30% of the grazing acreage in the planning land unit?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Are there surface water bodies or riparian areas on the application land units where livestock will continue to have access?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Catawba Pasture	
1. Does this application include practices that address soil erosion and/or soil quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does this application include practices that address water quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does this application include that address degraded plant condition?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does this application include practices that address livestock production limitation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does this application include practices that address excess water?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Edisto Pasture	
6. Does this application include practices that will facilitate a complete grazing management system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Does this application include practices that provide adequate water for livestock and address heavy use	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

areas?	
8. Does this application include practices that restrict livestock access to surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Does this application include practices that provide adequate forage for livestock?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Lower Pee Dee Pasture	
10. Will this application include a prescribed grazing plan to eliminate continual grazing, and is currently not overstocked?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will this application address a current resource concern to include, water quality, soil quality, animal health or plant health, with the implementation of pasture planting, livestock watering systems, or fencing?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. This applicant has not received funding for this program within the last two years and does not have an active contract. (Only a "YES" answer to this question receives points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Pee Dee Pasture	
13. Does this application address Soil Quality Degradation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Does this application address Insufficient Water?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Does this application address Water Quality Degradation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Does this application address Degraded Plant Condition?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Does this application address Soil Erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Salkehatchie Pasture	
18. Does this application address Nutrient Management and Water Quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. Does this application address improved forage quality?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
20. Does this application improve the quality or quantity of drinking water for livestock?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
21. Does this application address livestock concentrations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
22. Does this application protect or establish riparian areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Saluda Pasture	
23. Has the resource concern(s) been documented by NRCS for a period longer than 1 year?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
24. Will Planned practices in this application protect surface water quality by installing a well, pipeline, HUA, water troughs, and cross-fencing? The applicant must do three of the four practices.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
25. Does this application re-establish pastures due to loss of forage from drought and/or insects and/or is 30% or more of the field covered in noxious weeds?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
26. Will this application result in improved forage management by installing cross-fencing to provide additional paddocks to facilitate grazing distribution as shown in a grazing plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
27. Does this application include practices that incorporate legumes for the purpose of extending the grazing season and adding Nitrogen back to the soil and use of nitrogen stabilizer/ enhancer with fertilizer?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Savannah Pasture	
28. Have the resource concerns been documented by NRCS for a period of longer than 1 year?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
29. If approved, will this contract be the only active contract for this participant, other than a CAP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
30. Will planned EQIP practices include livestock watering facilities (trough or improved watering access) to facilitate better livestock grazing distribution?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
31. By funding this application, will grazing efficiency be improved through the installation of Cross Fencing (382)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
32. Are actively eroding gullies, streambanks, or pond banks being addressed with the funding of this application? This is to include the exclusion of livestock from streams, ponds, or areas where protection of a Resource Concern can be clearly documented.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Tyger Pasture	
33. Does this application improve livestock production by addressing forage, feed or water availability concerns?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
34. Does this application improve water quality by excluding or limiting livestock from sensitive areas	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

including streams, ponds or wetlands?	
35. Does this application reduce soil erosion such as sheet/rill, concentrated flow and stream bank by installing agronomic or structural practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:  Local Issues:  State Issues:  National Issues:  <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<b>NRCS Representative:</b>   <b>Signature Date:</b>	<b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b>   <b>Signature Date:</b>
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